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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirements mailed June 20, 2007, applicants provisionally elects, with traverse, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-11 and 23-28) directed to a DNA construct and a method of expressing the DNA construct.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, in view of the remarks herein, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has separated the claims 1-36 of this application into 3 groups. Group 1, including claims 1-11 and 23-28, is directed to a DNA construct and a method of expressing the DNA construct; Group 2, claims 12-22 is directed to a polypeptide and Group 3, claims 29-36, is directed to a method of isolating and purifying a polypeptide.

In support of restricting between the 3 groups of claims the Examiner has indicated that Groups I-III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT